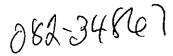
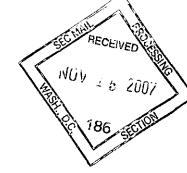
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**ENERGY SERVICES INCOME TRUST** 







November 8, 2007

Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549

Re: Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust

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# Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust's News Release dated November 8, 2007. These documents are being furnished pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please feel free to call me at (403) 265-6525 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

**Brent Conway** 

Chief Financial Officer

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# TRINIDAD ENERGY SERVICES INCOME TRUST ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER RESULTS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

The following is management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") concerning the operating and financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, and its outlook based on information available as at November 2, 2007. The MD&A is based on the Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust (the "Trust" or "Trinidad") consolidated financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2007 which were prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and MD&A of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2006. Additional information is available on the Trust's website (www.trinidaddrilling.com) and all previous public filings, including the most recently filed Annual Report and Annual Information Form, are available through SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(thousands except unit and per unit data - Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended	September 30,
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenue	162,183	150,625	483,888	418,109
Gross margin (1)	75,150	66,878	217,554	194,545
EBITDA (1)	54,299	54,576	161,390	150,342
Per unit (diluted)	0.64	0.64	1.56	1.78
EBITDA before unit based compensation (1)	54,807	55,316	163,344	155,665
Per unit (diluted)	0.64	0.65	1.58	1.84
Funds flow before change in non-cash working capital (1)	46,456	48,973	142,619	142,224
Per unit (diluted)	0.55	0.57	1.42	1.68
Distributions paid and declared	28,843	28,640	86,416	76,846
Per unit (basic)	0.34	0.34	1.03	0.93
Payout ratio (2)	-	-	61%	54%
Net earnings	15,043	31,573	61,627	92,369
Per unit (basic)	0.18	0.38	0.73	1,11
Per unit (diluted)	0.18	0.37	0.65	1.09
Net earnings before unit based compensation	15,551	32,313	63,581	97,692
Per unit (diluted)	0.18	0.38	0.66	1.15
Units outstanding – basic (weighted average) (3)	83,989,145	83,705,299	83,917,739	82,851,643
Units outstanding – diluted (weighted average) (3)	85,140,262	85,316,897	103,605,851	84,651,979

<sup>(1)</sup> Readers are cautioned that gross margin, EBITDA and funds flow before change in non-eash working capital and the related per unit information do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers; however, the Trust does compute gross margin, EBITDA and funds flow before change in non-cash working capital on a consistent basis for each reporting period. EBITDA refers to earnings of the Trust before interest, taxes, depreciation and gain or loss on investment in long-term assets; gross margin refers to revenue less operating expenses; funds flow before change in non-cash working capital refers to the amount of cash that is expected to be available for distribution to unitholders.

<sup>(2)</sup> Payout ratio is calculated as distributions paid and declared divided by funds flow before changes in non-cash working capital and is only provided on a yearto-date basis.

<sup>(3)</sup> Basic units include the weighted average units outstanding and units issuable upon exchange of outstanding exchangeable shares. Diluted units include the weighted average units outstanding, units issuable upon exchange of outstanding exchangeable shares and the dilutive impact, if any, of the deemed conversion of convertible debentures and units issuable pursuant to the Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan. Interest expense incurred on the dilutive convertible debentures is added back to net earnings and to funds flow before change in non-cash working capital for the diluted per unit calculation.



OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS					
(Unaudited)	Three months ended S	September 30,	Nine months ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Land Drilling Market					
Operating days					
Canada	2,718	3,358	7,699	9,368	
United States	3,305	1,891	8,713	4,941	
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)					
Canada	21,746	23,083	24,156	23,469	
United States	23,265	24,042	24,460	23,341	
Utilization rate					
Canada	47%	64%	45%	62%	
United States	85%	85%	86%	84%	
CAODC industry average	39%	57%	38%	58%	
Number of drilling rigs					
Canada	63	59	63	59	
United States	43	26	43	26	
Utilization rate for service rigs	46%	68%	35%	61%	
Number of service rigs	20	18	20	18	
Number of coring and surface casing rigs	20	17	20	17	
Barge Drilling Market					
Operating days	352	-	352	•	
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)	51,904	-	51,904	-	
Utilization rate	100%	-	100%	-	
Number of drilling rigs	1	-	1	-	
Number of drilling rigs under Bareboat Charter agreements	3	-	3	-	

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The MD&A contains certain forward-looking statements relating to the Trust's plans, strategies, objectives, expectations and intentions. Expressions such as "anticipate", "expect", "project", "believe", "estimate", and "forecast" should be used to identify these forward-looking statements. The Trust believes that the expressions reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable; however, such statements are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements. These statements speak only as of the date of the MD&A and the Trust does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements.

# **NON-GAAP MEASURES**

This MD&A contains references to the term "funds flow before change in non-cash working capital" to refer to the amount of cash that is expected to be available for distribution to unitholders; the term "EBITDA" to refer to earnings of the Trust before interest, taxes, depreciation and gain or loss on investment in long-term assets; the term "gross margin" to refer to revenue less operating expenses, which the Trust believes are measures followed by the investment community and therefore provide useful information. The terms "funds flow before change in non-cash working capital", "EBITDA", "gross margin" and associated per unit data are not measures recognized by GAAP and therefore do not have standardized meaning. Accordingly, these measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. However, the Trust computes "funds flow before change in non-cash working capital", "EBITDA" and "gross margin" on a consistent basis for each reporting period.



### **OVERVIEW**

Through geographical disbursement and expansion of service lines, the Trust has sustained unitholder value, secured distributions and counteracted the low industry fundamentals in the Canadian drilling industry. In the third quarter, revenues from the Trust's operations in the United States exceeded the Canadian operations by 23.8% with utilization rates consistently at or above 85% with stable day rates. Through accretive acquisitions and the substantial completion of the rig construction program, the US rig count has reached a total of 43 drillings rigs, one barge rig and three barge rigs under the Bareboat Charter Agreements ("Bareboat Charter" or "Charter"). Throughout 2006 and 2007 the Trust has successfully deployed 31 rigs under the rig construction program, of which 17 were released into the US, with the remaining three rigs substantially complete and ready for deployment into the US in the fourth quarter of 2007, further enhancing the strength of the US division.

On July 5, 2007 the Trust acquired the assets of US-based Drilling Productivity Realized, L.L.C., P.C. Axxis, L.L.C., DPR International, L.L.C. and DPR Rentals, L.L.C. (collectively, "Axxis") for \$148.1 million. The assets acquired include four land based drilling rigs and one barge drilling rig, together with related inventory, crew boats and spare parts. Furthermore, the Trust has assumed the remaining commitments on a second barge drilling rig currently under construction, expected to be deployed in early 2008. This acquisition has complemented the current US rig fleet with the addition of four technologically advanced rigs with the capability to drill at deeper depths. Additionally, the Trust gained entrance into the niche barge market and adopted industry expertise, which has positioned the Trust favourably to capitalize on future opportunities. Concurrent with the acquisition of Axxis the Trust closed a \$325.0 million convertible unsecured subordinated debenture financing to fund the acquisition. The convertible debentures have a face value of \$1,000, coupon rate of 7.75%, mature July 31, 2012 with interest being paid semi-annually on June 30 and December 31. The Trust has the option to redeem the debentures in whole or in part at a redemption price of \$1,000 after December 31, 2010 and before their maturity date. On redemption or maturity, the Trust may elect to satisfy its obligation to repay the principal by issuing Trust units. Proceeds in excess of the purchase price were used to pay down the Trust's revolving debt facility.

Natural gas drilling in the Canadian market has continued to slow in light of weak commodity prices and high storage levels. Pursuant to the "Our Fair Share" report issued by the Alberta government, the province's new royalty system has caused many oil and gas producers to consider curtailing activity in Alberta. These factors have led to further volatility in the Canadian market; however, the Trust has continued to perform better than industry averages by targeting the deeper drilling market and through its long-term take-or-pay contracts has found stability in the current market. Through these efforts, the Trust has exceeded industry utilization by 20.5% for the third quarter of 2007 and increased day rates by 2.9% on a year-to-date basis. However, due to increased competition and capacity available in the industry, pricing in the third quarter experienced a 5.8% decrease from the comparable quarter of 2006.

Despite the reductions in the Canadian market, the Trust's US expansion and resulting diversification of funds flow leaves it well positioned to ride out the volatility in the market. During this time of instability in the market, when many other energy service companies are struggling to maintain positive funds flow and sustain distribution levels, the Trust has continued to exceed the prior year's results and meet market expectations. Growth and sustainability continue to be a primary focus and accretive growth for our unitholders remains the Trust's primary goal.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS	2007				20	06		2005	
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q١	Q4	Q3
Financial Highlights				•					
(millions except per unit data – Unaudited)									
Revenue	162.2	115.5	206.2	161.9	150.6	104.5	162.9	106.4	75.3
Gross margin (1)	75.2	46.5	95.9	74.9	66.9	43.1	84.7	46.4	31.8
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Net earnings	15.0	4.7	41.9	31.3	31.6	20.8	40.0	19.4	13.8
Depreciation and amortization	20.2	14.8	18.3	15.4	14.0	9.7	13.1	9.3	8.0
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	(2.0)	-	-	0.2	0.1
Unit based compensation	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.8	0.7	0.8	3.8	0.6	0.5
Future income tax expense (recovery)	3.3	(3.1)	10.2	6.2	4.6	(8.7)	13.9	5.5	1.7
Effective interest on financing costs	1.1	0.4	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-cash interest expense on debentures	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	5.3	5.8	1.2	(0.1)	-	0.2	(0.2)	-	-
Other	_	-	-	-	0.1	(0.3)	0.1		
Funds flow before change in non-cash									
working capital (1)	46.4	23.4	72.8	54.7	49.0	22.5	70.7	35.0	24.1
Earnings per unit (diluted)	0.18	0.05	0.49	0.37	0.38	0.24	0.48	0.29	0.21
Funds flow before change in non-cash									
working capital per unit (diluted) (1)	0.55	0.27	0.86	0.65	0.57	0.26	0.84	0.51	0.37
Operating Highlights									
Land Drilling Market									
Operating days									
Canada	2,718	1,165	3,817	3,163	3,358	1,826	4,184	3,795	3,487
United States	3,305	2,944	2,464	2,105	1,891	1,603	1,447	235	37
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)									
Canada	21,746	23,527	26,063	26,328	23,083	23,927	23,579	23,280	19,196
United States	23,265	24,927	25,506	24,621	24,042	24,089	21,596	19,245	20,122
Utilization rate									
Canada	47%	20%	69%	61%	64%	36%	86%	78%	73%
United States	85%	88%	85%	85%	85%	82%	85%	83%	100%
CAODC industry average	39%	17%	59%	47%	57%	34%	81%	71%	63%
Number of drilling rigs									
Canada	63	64	63	60	59	57	56	54	52
United States	43	38	37	31	26	22	21	17	1
Utilization rate for service rigs	46%	23%	73%	64%	68%	31%	85%	67%	61%
Number of service rigs	20	21	20	18	18	17	17	16	16
Number of coring and surface casing rigs	20	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	18
Barge Drilling Market									
Operating days	352	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)	51,904	-	-	-		_	_	_	-
	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-
Utilization rate	100%	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of drilling rigs Number of drilling rigs under Bareboat	1	-	•	•	-	-	•	-	-
Charter agreements	3	-		ing canital a				•	

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### RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS

# Canadian Drilling Operations

(thousands except percent data and	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
operating data - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Revenue	67,656	87,875	(23.0)	233,991	267,892	(12.7)
Operating expense	39,390	48,524	(18.8)	137,461	144,934	(5.2)
Gross margin	28,266	39,351	(28.2)	96,530	122,958	(21.5)
Gross margin percentage	41.8%	44.8%	(6.7)	41.3%	45.9%	(10.0)
Operating days – drilling	2,718	3,358	(19.1)	7,699	9,368	(17.8)
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)	21,746	23,083	(5.8)	24,156	23,469	2.9
Utilization rate - drilling	47%	64%	(26.6)	45%	62%	(27.4)
CAODC industry average	39%	57%	(31.6)	38%	58%	(34.5)
Number of drilling rigs	63	59	6.8	63	59	6.8
Utilization rate – well servicing	46%	68%	(32.4)	35%	61%	(42.6)
Number of service rigs	20	18	11.1	20	18	11.1
Number of coring and surface casing rigs	20	17	17.6	20	17	17.6

The Canadian drilling market continued throughout the third quarter to be impacted by the slower market conditions prevalent across the industry as reduced utilization levels and downward pressures on day rates continued to impact the Trust's Canadian drilling fleet. Industry utilization rates declined by 31.6% from the comparable quarter in 2006 from 57% to 39% and on a year-to-date basis dropped to 38%, a decrease of 34.5% from the prior year. The Trust's Canadian drilling operations were impacted by this downward trend; however, its focus on the deeper drilling market and long-term contracts did shelter operations from the full reduction experienced in the drilling market, allowing Trinidad to continue to exceed industry's average utilization by 20.5% for the quarter and 18.4% year-to-date. Growth in the Trust's drilling fleet from 59 rigs at September 30, 2006 to 63 rigs at September 30, 2007 provided an increased asset base, slightly offsetting the impact of the reduced utilization rates on operating days. However, quarter-over-quarter and on a year-to-date basis these reductions were still present.

Quarter-over-quarter revenue declined by 23.0% from \$87.9 million in 2006 to \$67.7 million in 2007 and on a year-to-date basis was reduced by \$33.9 million to \$234.0 million. The Trust's drilling division contributed to the bulk of the decline as the largest component of the Canadian operations. Slight reductions were also seen in the well servicing and surface casing and coring divisions; however, oil sands activity and operators focused on lengthening the production of current wells in light of reductions in their capital budget lessened the impact of the slower market in these sectors. Additionally, increased competition in the market due to the reduced activity levels prompted downward market pressures on day rates throughout the period, ultimately adversely impacting both revenue and margins. These slower market conditions continued to adversely impact day rates as drilling contractors competed for less work which reduced margin levels from 45.9% in 2006 to 41.3% in 2007, reducing the overall gross margin obtained in the Canadian operations.

# **United States Drilling Operations**

(thousands except percent and operating	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
data - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Revenue	83,771	45,473	84.2	220,005	115,337	90.7
Operating expense	39,700	20,265	95.9	105,254	50,215	109.6
Gross margin	44,071	25,208	74.8	114,751	65,122	76.2
Gross margin percentage	52.6%	55.4%	(5.1)	52.2%	56.5%	(7.6)

Land drilling rigs						
Operating days - drilling	3,305	1,891	74.8	8,713	4,941	76.3
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)	23,265	24,042	(3.2)	24,460	23,341	4.8
Utilization rate - drilling	85%	85%	-	86%	84%	2.4
Number of drilling rigs	43	26	65.4	43	26	65.4
Barge drilling rigs						
Operating days - drilling	352	-	100.0	352	-	100.0
Rate per drilling day (CDN \$)	51,904	•	100.0	51,904	-	100.0
Utilization rate - drilling	100%	-	100.0	100%	-	100.0
Number of drilling rigs Number of drilling rigs under Bareboat	1	-	100.0	1	-	100.0
Charter agreements	3	-	100.0	3	-	100.0

The US drilling operations have become a key component in the overall success of the Trust, providing continued growth and an increasing source of funds flow. Through growth in this sector of the business, the Trust has managed to sustain unitholder value, secure distributions and counteract the volatile Canadian market. Under the rig construction program 13 rigs have been deployed since September 30, 2006, all backed by take-or-pay contracts with excellent utilization levels and stable day rates. To further complement the construction program, the acquisition of the Axxis assets has resulted in the addition of four more land rigs with deep depth ratings and the latest technology. On a year-to-date basis, the Trust has managed to optimize the benefits of these additional rigs through a 4.8% increase in day rates and 2.4% increase in utilization on a substantially larger fleet of drilling rigs, resulting in an overall increase in revenues of 90.7% from the prior year. Revenue increased 84.2% quarter-over-quarter and the Trust maintained utilization at 85% for the quarter with a 3.2% decrease in day rates primarily due to slightly lower day rates that are being honoured on existing contracts on the four acquired Axxis land rigs. These contracts will be completed within the next 12 months, at which point day rates will be re-negotiated and will become more reflective of the rest of the US fleet.

In addition, the Trust entered the offshore drilling market in the third quarter with the acquisition of one barge drilling rig from Axxis and the assumption of three Bareboat Charter agreements (see "Bareboat Charters" for further details). Entrance into the barge market has provided \$5.5 million in incremental revenue, including \$1.0 million net earned from the Bareboat Charter, for the period ended September 30, 2007 due to exceptional day rates of \$51,904 per day and a utilization level of 100%. The barge rigs have added geographical diversification to the asset base and have provided the Trust with significant opportunities to grow in other jurisdictions.

Operating expenses grew as a result of the overall growth in revenue throughout the quarter from \$20.3 million in 2006 to \$39.7 million in 2007 with an overall decline in operating margins from 55.4% to 52.6%. An increase in year-to-date operating expenses also produced declining margins from 56.5% in 2006 to 52.2% in 2007. Despite an exceptionally high margin on the barge rig of 71.8% and margins of 55.3% on the four Axxis land rigs, the incremental costs associated with new rig deployments in the existing US division have resulted in the decline in margins. Start-up costs for new rigs include costs incurred to prepare them for the field as well as additional training costs for the crews once the rigs are fully operational. As the number of new rigs being deployed declines and the rig construction program is completed, margin levels should increase to levels comparable with 2006.

## **Bareboat Charters**

As a part of the Axxis acquisition the Trust entered into an Assignment Agreement in which the contracts to operate three barge rigs were transferred to the Trust. Under the Bareboat Charters, the Trust is committed to operate the rigs, for a three year period, on behalf of a third party. In turn, as owners of the rigs, this third party is entitled to receive 25% of the Net Operating Revenues and 50% of the Net Margin earned under each Charter. Under the original agreement any earnings in excess of this payment were to be retained as compensation for the operation of the barge rigs; however, as part of the purchase agreement the Trust committed to pay the former owners of Axxis US\$12.5 million per year for the next three consecutive years, of which one-third of the payment, or US\$4.2 million, shall be attributable to each of the three Bareboat Charters and is recorded as an intangible asset and deferred purchase price on the acquisition. The Trust has reported all transactions pertaining to the Bareboat Charters on a net



basis in accordance with EIC 123, Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent, for purposes of financial statement disclosure as the Trust does not bear the significant risks and rewards of the arrangement nor does it absorb the associated credit risk or asset risk. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Trust recorded \$1.0 million in net revenue pertaining to the Bareboat Charters due to better than expected day rates.

# **Construction Operations**

(thousands except percent data - Unaudited)	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Revenue (1)	19,507	31,040	(37.2)	76,700	75,935	1.0
Operating expense (1)	16,694	28,721	(41.9)	70,427	69,470	1.4
Gross margin	2,813	2,319	21.3	6,273	6,465	(3.0)
Gross margin percentage	14.4%	7.5%	92.0	8.2%	8.5%	(3.5)

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes inter-segment revenue and operating expenses of \$8.8 million and \$13.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively and \$46.8 million and \$41.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

On March 16, 2006 the Trust acquired Mastco Derrick Service Ltd. ("Mastco") to facilitate the construction of 10 rigs committed by the Canadian drilling operations and four rigs committed by the US drilling operations, which enhanced control over the timing and construction of these rigs. Throughout 2006 and 2007, Mastco's main focus was on completing this rig construction program resulting in the deployment of all 10 Canadian rigs and one US rig as of September 30, 2007, with only 3 rigs left for deployment in the US. Additionally, as the construction program nears completion, Mastco's capacity is also being utilized to complete inter-segment recertification and repair work. This focus on supporting the Trust's drilling operations resulted in Mastco recognizing inter-segment revenue and operating expenses of \$8.8 million and \$13.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively and \$46.8 million and \$41.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

Third quarter revenues decreased by 37.2% from the prior year due to substantial completion of the rig program while revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 remained relatively stable as the incremental two and half months of revenue in 2007 offset the decreased activity in the third quarter. A decrease in third party revenue also contributed to the decline, at \$29.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 generating margins of 21.0% compared to the prior year's \$34.8 million at an 18.6% margin. The focus on creating internal efficiencies by completing inter-segment work has resulted in a decrease in third party contracts.

### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

(thousands except percent data -	Three month	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change	
General and administrative expenses	14,949	11,607	28.8	41,927	37,835	10.8	
% of revenue	9.2%	7.7%		8.7%	9.0%		

Changes in the composition of the Trust's business through the acquisition of Axxis and the expansion of the US drilling operations have resulted in an increase in general and administrative expenses quarter-over-quarter and year-to-date. From a quarterly perspective, the 28.8% increase is primarily a result of incremental general and administrative expenses from the addition of Axxis as well as property taxes payable on rigs operating in the US. As of September 30, 2007, the Trust has assessed \$3.4 million of property taxes of which \$1.6 million was recorded in the current quarter. Property taxes of this nature are assessed based on the value and location of rigs on the first day of each year; hence the balance in the prior year was minimal given that the Trust's rig count in the US was substantially lower in the prior year.

The Trust continues to focus on maintaining conservative expenditure levels to ensure accretive growth for unitholders by creating internal efficiencies, centralizing certain required functions and integrating its management team. As a result of this focus, year-to-date general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue decreased from 9.0% to 8.7%.



### INTEREST

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
(thousands - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Interest on bank debt	6,749	6,388	5.7	24,107	13,740	75.4
Effective interest on deferred financing costs	425		100.0	1,177	_	100.0
_	7,174	6,388	12.3	25,284	13,740	84.0
Interest on convertible debentures Effective interest on deferred financing	6,621	-	100.0	6,621	-	100.0
costs	654	-	100.0	654	-	100.0
Accretion of convertible debenture	1,027	-	100.0	1,027	-	100.0
	8,302		100.0	8,302		100.0

The Trust fulfilled a number of capital initiatives in the current year including the acquisition of Axxis, the substantial completion of the rig construction program and the purchase of three additional rigs which increased the asset base of the coring and surface casing division. Financing this extensive capital program was critical in order to realize the benefits of the expanded breadth and depth of the Trust's drilling fleet. This was facilitated in April 2006 when the Trust closed a new debt facility, which increased the principal available from \$250.0 million to a debt facility with total Canadian dollar equivalent capacity of approximately \$474.4 million, excluding a temporary increase of \$35.0 million which was obtained in the second quarter of 2007 and fully repaid in July 2007. The debt facility encompasses both US and Canadian term and revolving facilities which bear interest at the LIBOR and Bankers Acceptance ("BA") rates, respectively, plus a spread whereas under the original agreement, the Trust was obligated to pay interest at a fixed borrowing rate. In order to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in floating interest rates on the debt facility, Trinidad entered into an interest rate swap at the beginning of the third quarter of 2006 on 50% of the outstanding Canadian and US term facilities. The net settlement of the interest rate swaps increased interest expense for the quarter and on a year-to-date basis by \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. This effort to expand service lines and further enhance existing ones resulted in the Trust increasing debt levels throughout 2006 and into 2007 which increased interest expense on the bank facility by \$10.4 million on a year-to-date basis and \$0.4 million quarter-over-quarter.

Effective July 5, 2007, the Trust closed the issuance of \$325.0 million convertible debentures in order to facilitate the acquisition of Axxis. Proceeds in excess of the purchase price were used to repay \$187.8 million of the Canadian revolving facility which significantly reduced the debt drawn under the facility. As at September 30, 2007 the combined debt facility balance of approximately \$327.2 million was comparable to the balance at September 30, 2006, explaining the small variance in interest expense quarter-over-quarter.

Interest on the convertible debentures is paid semi-annually at a coupon rate of 7.75% and for the three and nine months ended, the Trust recorded associated interest expense of \$6.6 million. The fixed interest rate on the convertible debentures will reduce the Trust's exposure to interest rate fluctuations and further enhance funds flow stability.

Non-cash interest expense represents \$2.1 million of total interest expense on a quarterly basis and \$2.9 million on a year-to-date basis. The Trust's adoption of CICA 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement, requires the amortization of transaction costs that were previously classified as amortization expense to be recorded as part of interest expense under the effective interest method. The application of this method resulted in a \$1.1 million and \$1.8 million increase in interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively. Furthermore, the convertible debt balance accretes over time to the amount owing at maturity and such increases to the debt balance have resulted in a \$1.0 million increase in non-cash interest expense for the period.

### UNIT BASED COMPENSATION

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
(thousands - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Unit based compensation	508	740	(31.4)	1,954	5,323	(63.3)



The Trust has established a Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan to assist directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Trust and its affiliates to participate in the growth and development of the Trust and uses the fair value method to calculate compensation expense associated with rights granted under the Plan. This compensation expense is recognized into earnings over the vesting period of the rights granted with a corresponding increase in contributed surplus. Unit based compensation for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 decreased by \$3.4 million from the comparable period in 2006 due to the granting of 2.3 million options in the first quarter of 2006 in comparison with 0.6 million options in 2007. Unit based compensation for the three months ended September 30, 2007 experienced a minimal change in comparison to the prior quarter, as no option grants took place in either the third quarter of 2006 or 2007.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE (GAIN) LOSS

	Three months	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
(thousands - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	5,394	(45)	12,086.7	12,283	1,045	1,075.4	

Foreign exchange loss increased significantly both quarter-over-quarter and year-to-date primarily due to unrealized losses in the Canadian entity on US denominated intercompany balances. The intercompany debt was minimal in 2006 as the US operations drew on the US portion of the debt facility to fund the capital requirements under the rig construction program. However, in early 2007 Trinidad announced the construction of an additional five US rigs which were not contemplated in the original debt facility and therefore required funding through the Canadian revolver. This resulted in the intercompany balance increasing significantly in 2007 which, when coupled with the continuing weakness of the US dollar created unrealized losses on the intercompany balance. The loss corresponds to an unrealized gain in the US subsidiary that is capitalized in the cumulative translation adjustment which is reflected in equity as part of accumulated other comprehensive income.

### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

(thousands - Unaudited)	Three month	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change	
Depreciation	20,190	13,695	47.4	53,279	35,851	48.6	
Amortization	-	281	(100.0)	-	936	(100.0)	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	31	(2,032)	101.5	238	(2,002)	111.9	

Increases in depreciation of \$6.5 million quarter-over-quarter and \$17.4 million year-over-year have resulted from changes in the composition of Trinidad's asset base as a result of the current rig construction program, growth in the Trust's drilling fleet and the acquisition of Axxis. These growth initiatives increased the land drilling fleet by 32 drilling rigs throughout 2006 and into 2007, many of these rigs being the most technologically advanced in the industry. The higher capital costs on these rigs together with an increased number of drilling days in comparison with 2006 have increased depreciation expense on both a quarterly and year-to-date basis. In addition, the acquisition of the assets of Axxis increased the Trust's fleet of land drilling rigs by four and added a barge rig contributing approximately \$1.7 million in depreciation for the third quarter of 2007. The US operations as a whole contributed \$30.8 million to depreciation expense for 2007, compared to only \$14.2 million in 2006, an increase of 116.9%, which represents a significant portion of the increase year-over-year. As the majority of the growth initiatives over the last year have been focused on the US operations and the market continues to thrive, it is expected that this trend will continue.

Depreciation rates per day for US operations also rose from \$2,878 to \$3,527 on a year-to-date basis and \$3,086 to \$3,615 quarter-over-quarter as a result of the higher capital costs associated with the newly released rigs. Additionally, depreciation rates per day for Canadian operations have risen by 18% to \$2,929 for 2007 and on a quarterly basis have increased to \$3,033 from \$2,424; however, the decline in operating days compared to 2006 has resulted in only a marginal increase in the Canadian depreciation expense for the period.

Due to the adoption of CICA 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement, transaction costs that were previously classified as amortization expense are now recorded as part of interest expense under the effective interest method. The application of this method resulted in a \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million decrease in amortization for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively.



### INCOME TAXES

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months	ended Septem	ber 30,
(thousands - Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change
Current tax expense (recovery)	299	36	730.6	2,283	(389)	686.9
Future tax expense	3,260	4,635	(29.7)	10,377	9,837	5.5

Effective June 12, 2007, the Canadian government substantively enacted Bill C-52 and on June 22, 2007 the bill received Royal Assent. The new legislation has resulted in a "Distribution Tax" of 18.5% on distributions of publicly traded income trusts and limited partnerships (specified investment flow-through entities, or "SIFTs") plus the "provincial SIFT tax factor" of 13% and reduces the general corporate tax rate to 18.5% starting in 2011. Under Canadian GAAP the SIFT legislation, now enacted, will trigger the recognition of future income tax assets and liabilities based on temporary differences expected to reverse after the date that the changes take effect. The Trust assessed the impact of the SIFT legislation and has recorded a future income tax impact of \$0.5 million pertaining to financing costs on the issuance of the convertible debentures.

Year-to-date and quarter-to-date future income tax expense increased by 5.5% and decreased by 29.7%, respectively, primarily due to the acquisition of Axxis assets resulting in a substantial increase in the tax pools of the US division and large temporary differences between book-to-tax depreciation. This factor was offset by future income tax recoveries in the Canadian divisions, as weak industry fundamentals have resulted in lower earnings on both a quarterly and year-to-date basis. Furthermore, the construction segment recognized a future income tax recovery in the current year which was higher than that of the comparable period due to the additional four months of incremental operations. The enactment of Bill C-52 has resulted in a slight reduction in the effective tax rate in accordance with the general rate reduction to 18.5% for 2011 and beyond.

On May 19, 2006, the Texas Legislature implemented a significant change to Texas franchise tax for all corporations. As a result, corporations including limited liability partnerships, which previously had limited exposure to Texas franchise tax, are now, effective January 1, 2007, subject to "Margins Tax". This new law results in the application of a 1% tax rate to the taxable margin of the US operations which resulted in the Trust recording \$0.9 million to current income tax expense for the nine month period ended September 30, 2007. In addition, Canadian current income tax expense increased due to current federal and provincial tax of \$1.3 million recognized on the earnings of certain smaller divisions of the Trust, due to taxable earnings surpassing the available capital cost allowance claim.

## NET EARNINGS AND FUNDS FLOW

(thousands except per unit data -	Three month	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
Unaudited)	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change	
Net earnings	15,043	31,573	(52.4)	61,627	92,369	(33.3)	
Per unit (diluted) (1)	0.18	0.37	(51.4)	0.65	1.09	(40.4)	
Funds flow from operations	46,456	48,973	(5.1)	142,619	142,224	0.3	
Per unit (diluted) (1)	0.55	0.57	(3.5)	1.42	1.68	(15.5)	

(1) Diluted units include the weighted average units outstanding, units issuable upon exchange of outstanding exchangeable shares and the dilutive impact, if any, of the deemed conversion of convertible debentures and units issuable pursuant to the Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan. Interest expense incurred on the dilutive convertible debentures is added back to net earnings and to funds flow before change in non-eash working capital for the diluted per unit calculation.

Geographical disbursement and expansion of service lines have enabled the Trust to effectively counteract the prevailing market conditions in Canada. Results in the current period continued to demonstrate the strength of the US operations, which were further enhanced with the acquisition of Axxis. Gross margin in the US division increased by 76.2% to \$114.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 74.8% to \$44.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, representing incremental margin from the acquisition of Axxis as well as the additional revenue generated through rig deployments. The results of the US division were offset by a 21.5% decline in the gross margin of the Canadian operations from \$123.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 to \$96.5 million in the comparable period of 2007. On a quarterly basis, gross margin decreased 28.2% to \$28.3 million in 2007 from \$39.4 million in the comparable quarter of 2006 as a result of overall declines across the Canadian market. The Trust has minimized the downward impact of the declining Canadian market by securing higher year-to-date day rates in comparison to the prior year, consistently performing at utilization levels above industry averages and ensuring that the well servicing, surface casing and coring and manufacturing divisions continue to perform at optimal levels.



From an operational perspective, the Trust's performance improved from the prior year from both a quarterly and year-to-date perspective; however, higher interest expense including non-cash interest on the accretion of the convertible debentures and transaction costs being amortized into interest expense, depreciation expense increases and an unrealized foreign exchange loss contributed to the overall decline in net earnings. Higher debt levels required to fund the Trust's capital initiatives increased cash interest expense and the capital cost of the Trust's asset base continued to increase with the addition of newer and deeper rigs, resulting in higher per day depreciation rates which have increased overall depreciation expense. Furthermore, weakening of the US dollar since 2006 and the higher balance of US dollar denominated intercompany balances resulted in the Trust recognizing a significant unrealized foreign exchange loss in 2007.

Funds flow from operations before change in non-cash working capital remained relatively stable in comparison to prior periods at \$142.6 million year-to-date and \$46.5 million for the third quarter as non-cash reductions that impacted net earnings during the period were added back to reconcile to the cash position of the Trust. Overall stability was achieved through strong results in the US operations where higher revenues in the US offset lower margins in the Canadian segment. The Trust continues to follow an investment strategy designed to ensure accretive growth for unitholders, including the expansion into the US market as well as diversification of the Trust's asset base which enabled the Trust to maintain funds flow for the period despite the reduction in the Canadian market.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES	September 30,	December 31,
(thousands except percent data – Unaudited)	2007	2006
Working capital	71,343	58,246
Current portion of long-term debt	1,547	3,232
Convertible debentures (2)	314,203	-
Long-term debt (2)	364,575	388,276
Total debt	680,325	391,508
Total debt as a percentage of assets	45.8%	31.4%
Net debt (1)	607,435	330,030
Net debt as a percentage of assets (1)	40.9%	26.5%
Total assets	1,485,975	1,245,633
Total long-term liabilities	732,426	434,065
Total long-term liabilities as a percentage of assets	49.3%	34.8%
Unitholders' equity	647,559	698,092
Total debt to unitholders' equity	105.1%	56.1%
Total debt to unitholders' equity – assuming debenture conversion	38.1%	56.1%
Net debt to unitholders' equity (1)	93.8%	47.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> Readers are cautioned that net debt does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers; however, the Trust does compute net debt on a consistent basis for each reporting period. Net debt refers to the Trust's long-term debt including convertible debentures less its working capital position and is indicative of the Trust's overall indebtedness.

(2) Convertible debentures and long-term debt are reflected net of associated transaction costs.

Under the rig construction program the Trust has successfully deployed 31 rigs and with only three rigs remaining, the program is substantially complete. In light of the construction program coming to a close as well as the completion of three well servicing rigs, the purchase of three surface casing and coring rigs and the acquisition of Axxis on July 5, 2007, the Trust has increased total debt from the prior year by \$288.8 million. Year-to-date capital expenditures totalled \$350.4 million which was funded through both internally generated funds flow and long-term debt, of which \$124.4 million was associated with the cash portion of the Axxis acquisition. As the rig construction program nears completion with the deployment of five Canadian drilling rigs and eight US drilling rigs during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Trust's capital requirements should begin to decline as the outstanding commitment on the construction program is minimal with the remaining three rigs ready for deployment in the early part of the fourth quarter of 2007.



In connection with the closing of the Axxis acquisition on July 5, 2007, the Trust issued \$354.3 million convertible debentures, of which \$325.0 million was issued through a public offering and \$29.3 million was issued to former owners of Axxis to finance a portion of the acquisition (see details of the convertible debentures below). The remaining portion of the purchase price of \$124.4 million was financed through the proceeds raised on the closing of the convertible debenture, including \$5.6 million to reimburse the former owners for construction costs spent on a barge rig under construction as at the date of acquisition. As part of the acquisition the Trust acquired a commitment to complete a second barge rig at an estimated cost of \$27.5 million, of which \$19.8 million was remaining at end of the third quarter of 2007.

With the remaining proceeds of \$197.8 million, the Trust reduced its Canadian Revolving Credit Facility to \$106.0 million. Subsequent to this payment, approximately \$51.8 million was drawn down on the revolver to fund the remaining construction commitments on the build program, construction costs on the barge rig, the purchase of three coring and surface casing rigs, and various other minor capital initiatives resulting in an overall decline in the revolver of \$146.0 million from the balance at June 30, 2007.

Due to the adoption of CICA 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement, the increase in long-term debt was slightly offset by the reclassification of deferred financing costs to long-term debt. This resulted in the balance of bank debt being offset by \$4.0 million of deferred financing costs. Similarly, the balance of convertible debentures at September 30, 2007 is reflected net of \$12.9 million in transaction costs.

Working capital experienced a favourable increase of \$13.1 million from the prior year, of which the working capital from the Axxis acquisition contributed an incremental \$9.5 million. Despite the addition of Axxis working capital, total accounts receivable and accounts payable decreased by 2.6% and 2.8%, respectively from December 31, 2006 as a result of a slower Canadian market, resulting in a reduction of revenues and operating expenses in comparison to the prior year and more aggressive collection practices. Inventory also increased by approximately \$7.6 million from the prior year in construction operations due to spare equipment and parts purchased to facilitate construction and recertification programs.

Unitholders' equity decreased \$50.5 million from year-end due to a significant cumulative translation adjustment on the Trust's US self-sustaining subsidiary as a result of an increasingly favourable Canadian dollar. Year-to-date distributions of \$84.4 million also contributed to the decline while the equity component of the convertible debentures and net earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased unitholders' equity by \$28.2 million and \$61.6 million, respectively.

### Convertible debentures

In connection with the acquisition of Axxis, the Trust issued \$354.3 million in unsecured subordinated debentures, of which \$325.0 million was issued through a public offering and \$29.3 million was issued to former owners of Axxis. The debentures are convertible into units of the Trust at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity at a conversion price of \$19.30. They have a face value of \$1,000, coupon rate of 7.75%, mature July 31, 2012 with interest being paid semi-annually on June 30 and December 31. The Trust has the option to redeem the debentures in whole or in part at a redemption price of \$1,000 after December 31, 2010 and before their maturity date. On redemption or maturity, the Trust may elect to satisfy its obligation to repay the principal by issuing Trust units.

The value of the conversion feature was determined to be \$28.2 million and has been recorded as equity with the remaining \$326.1 million allocated to long-term debt, net of \$13.6 million of transaction costs. The debentures are being accreted such that the liability at maturity will equal the face value of \$354.3 million. As at September 30, 2007 there were no conversions of these debentures.

UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL	September 30,	December 31,
(thousands – Unaudited)	2007	2006
Unitholders' capital	675,712	669,584
Exchangeable shares	2,477	5,777

Unitholders' capital increased from the 2006 year-end by \$6.1 million, with the conversion of 311,367 Series C exchangeable shares (\$3.3 million) to 356,404 trust units and the exercise of 274,089 rights (\$2.5 million) into trust units. Unitholders' capital on November 2, 2007 was \$675.7 million (83,613,130 units).



DISTRIBUTIONS	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,			0,
(thousands except unit and per unit data – Unaudited)	2007	2006	2007		_2006	
Cash flow from operating activities	48,388	2,366	122,450		119,894	
Net change in non-cash operating working capital	(1,932)	46,607	20,169	<u> </u>	22,330	
Funds flow before change in non-cash working capital	46,456	48,973	142,619	100%	142,224	100%
Distributions paid & declared	(28,843)	(28,640)	(86,416)	61%	(76,846)	54%
Funds retained for growth, debt reduction & future distribution	17,613	20,333	56,203	39%	65,378	46%
Funds flow before change in non-cash working capital per unit (basic) (1)	0.55	0.59	1.70		1.72	
Distributions paid & declared per unit	(0.34)	(0.34)	(1.03)		(0.93)	
Funds retained per unit	0.21	0.25	0.67		0.79	
Quarter ending annualized distribution per						
unit	1.38	1.38	1.38		1.38	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes trust units to be issued upon conversion of exchangeable shares.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, Trinidad distributed \$28.8 million and \$86.4 million, respectively, to unitholders. Distributions per unit have remained stable quarter-over-quarter; however, lower distributions in the earlier part of 2006 resulted in an increase in distributions paid and declared by \$0.2 million and \$9.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007. Despite distribution reductions across the sector, the Trust has sustained annualized distributions per unit at \$1.38 throughout the current period and maintained a conservative payout ratio of 61% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The Trust has maintained stable funds flow through its significant presence in the US drilling market which has been uninterrupted by seasonality or fluctuations in commodity prices. Entrance into the offshore barge market will further enhance the future stability of funds flow. Low industry fundamentals in Canada have resulted in a 7% increase in the payout ratio in comparison to the nine months ended September 30, 2006. However, the payout ratio continues to improve as the year progresses and as the US segment capitalizes on additional rig deployments and the Canadian segment enters into a busier fourth quarter. The Trust manages its distributions based on a payout ratio goal of up to 75%, with the remainder retained for future growth opportunities, debt repayment, or incremental distributions to unitholders.

### SEASONALITY

The Trust operates the majority of its fleet in Western Canada and therefore operations are heavily dependent upon the seasons. The winter season, which incorporates the first quarter, is a busy period as oil and gas companies take advantage of frozen conditions to move drilling rigs into regions which might otherwise be inaccessible to heavy equipment due to swampy conditions. The second quarter normally encompasses a slow period referred to as spring break-up. During this period melting conditions result in temporary municipal road bans that effectively prohibit the movement of drilling rigs. The third and fourth quarters are usually representative of average activity levels.

The Trust's expansion into the US market has reduced its overall exposure to the seasonal factors that are present in its Canadian operations. These seasonal conditions typically limit Canadian drilling activity, whereas in the United States operators can work throughout the year. This increased number of operating days throughout the year will allow the Trust to better manage its business with more sustainable funds flow throughout the annual cycle.



### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires that certain estimates and judgements be made with regard to the reported amount of revenues and expenses and the carrying values of assets and liabilities. These estimates are based on historical experience and management judgement. Anticipating future events involves uncertainty and consequently the estimates used by management in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements may change as future events unfold, additional experience is acquired or the Trust's operating environment changes.

### Depreciation

The accounting estimate that has the greatest impact on the Trust's financial results is depreciation. Depreciation of the Trust's property and equipment incorporates estimates of useful lives and residual values. These estimates may change as more experience is obtained or as general market conditions change, impacting the operation of the Trust's capital assets.

### Unit based compensation

Compensation expense associated with rights at grant date are estimates based on various assumptions such as volatility, annual distribution yield, risk free interest rate and expected life using the Black-Scholes methodology to produce an estimate of the fair value of such compensation.

### Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable

The Trust performs credit evaluations of its customers and grants credit based on past payment history, financial conditions and anticipated industry conditions. Customer payments are regularly monitored and a provision for doubtful accounts is established based on specific situations and overall industry conditions. The Trust's history of bad debt losses has been minimal and generally limited to specific customer circumstances; however, given the cyclical nature of the oil and gas industry, the credit risks can change suddenly and without notice.

### Goodwill

In accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the Trust performs an annual goodwill impairment test each fiscal year. This test was performed based on current industry factors and no goodwill impairment exists.

### Fair value of interest rate swaps

The fair value of the interest rate swaps are estimated based on future projected interest rates and adjusted on a quarterly basis for monthly settlements and changes in projections. The Trust receives the valuation from the contract counterparty on a quarterly basis and records the associated change in fair value at each reporting period.

### Convertible debentures

The proceeds from the offering have been bifurcated into separate liability and equity components. The value of the conversion feature has been determined based on an option pricing model and recorded as equity on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

Effective January 1, 2007, the Trust adopted the following new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA"), as described further in note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Section 1530, Comprehensive Income

Section 1530 introduces a new Statement of Comprehensive Income, which reflects changes in the fair value of financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges, to the extent that they are effective, and changes in the foreign currency translation of self-sustaining subsidiaries of the Trust. These cumulative changes are reflected in equity as part of accumulated other comprehensive income and the Trust's Consolidated Financial



Statements now include a Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statement of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI").

Previously, the accumulated gains and losses arising from translation of \$0.8 million were deferred and included in the foreign currency translation adjustment as part of unitholders' equity. In accordance with the transitional provisions, this prior year balance was reclassified into AOCI. In addition, the foreign currency translation adjustment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 of \$29.5 million and \$56.2 million, respectively, has been recognized into OCI.

### Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement

Section 3855 establishes standards for recognizing and measuring financial instruments, including financial assets, financial liabilities and derivatives. All financial instruments are required to be measured at fair value upon initial recognition of the transaction and measurement in subsequent periods is dependant on whether the instrument is classified as "held-for-trading", "available-for-sale", or "held-to-maturity" based on the standard. Financial instruments classified as "held-for-trading" are subsequently re-valued to fair market value with changes in the fair value being recognized into earnings; financial instruments classified as "available-for-sale" are subsequently re-valued to fair market value with changes in the fair value being recognized to OCI and financial instruments designated as "held-to-maturity" are valued at amortized cost using the effective interest method of amortization.

Upon initial adoption of the financial instrument standard, long-term debt is recognized at fair value net of transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the debt. Accordingly, at January 1, 2007, previously deferred costs of \$5.7 million that were separately presented as a component of other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and amortized into income using the straight-line method over the life of the debt were reclassified to long-term debt. The cost capitalized as a portion of long-term debt will be amortized using the effective interest method. The change in amortization methodology was immaterial for adjustment to opening retained earnings and the reclassification of transactions costs resulted in a net decrease in other assets and long-term debt by \$4.9 million.

Similarly, costs related to the issuance of the Trust's convertible debentures are netted against the carrying value of the convertible debentures and amortized into earnings over the life of the convertible debentures using the effective interest rate method.

## Section 3865, Hedges

Section 3865 establishes how hedge accounting may be applied. For cash flow hedges the fair value of the hedged instrument is recognized on the balance sheet and changes in the fair value, to the extent that the hedge is effective, are recognized into OCI and any ineffectiveness is recognized into income in the period. In accordance with transitional provisions, the cumulative prior period effect of \$5.6 million has been recognized into OCI without restatement of prior period amounts, net of \$1.9 million to reflect the future income tax asset that would have arisen in the prior year in accordance with the new standards.

# Section 1506, Accounting Changes

Section 1506 allows for voluntary changes in accounting policy only if they result in financial statements which provide reliable and more relevant information. Accounting policy changes are applied retrospectively unless it is impractical to determine the period or cumulative impact of the change. Corrections of prior period errors are applied retrospectively and changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively by including these changes in earnings. The Trust has adopted the requirements of this section and will apply these standards to any future changes in accounting policies and/or estimates.

There are no other material impacts on the Consolidated Financial Statements for the adoption of these new standards.

## DISCLOSURE CONTROLS & PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all information required to be disclosed by the Trust is recorded, processed, summarized and reported to senior management, including the CEO and CFO, in an appropriate manner to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure as defined under Multilateral Instrument 52-109, Certification of Disclosures in Annual and Interim Filings.



The Trust has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of disclosure controls and procedures, under the supervision of the CEO and the CFO. Internal controls over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian GAAP. There have been no changes in the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to affect the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting.

The Trust is currently completing an assessment of the business process controls of Mastco and Axxis and has not concluded on the design effectiveness as at September 30, 2007. As a result, the Trust has relied on management's review to assess the accuracy of the financial statements at the reporting date.

### OUTLOOK

Under the "Our Fair Share" report issued by the Alberta government, the province's new royalty system has caused many oil and gas producers to reevaluate Alberta based activity and potentially shift investment dollars into other regions of Canada and into the US. Furthermore, in conjunction
with weak natural gas prices and an influx of supply, Canadian drillers are challenged and being forced to endure idle capacity and competitive
consumer pricing. The CAODC is projecting 16,339 well completions in 2007 and early forecasts for 2008 do not indicate signs of improvement for
the coming year. The Trust is prepared to face these challenges with approximately 80% of the Canadian rig fleet tailored to the medium and deeper
drilling market with depths in excess of 2,000 metres. The Canadian rig construction program has successfully reached completion resulting in a rig
fleet equipped with modern, high quality, deeper drilling rigs with all rigs deployed under the rig build program secured by three to five year take-orpay contracts. These factors have allowed the Trust to mitigate decreasing industry fundamentals resulting in utilization levels that have surpassed
the Canadian industry average by 18.4% in 2007 and will continue to do so by focusing on the deeper drilling market and fulfilling obligations under
the take-or-pay contracts.

Operations in the US market are now contributing more than 50% to the overall results of the Trust. With the completion of the rig construction program in the fourth quarter of 2007 and the acquisition of Axxis, the combined US rig fleet will include 46 land drilling rigs, one barge rig, three barge rigs under Bareboat Charters and one barge rig under construction. All rigs deployed under the rig construction program are secured by long-term take-or-pay contracts while rigs acquired through Axxis are secured by fixed price contracts. By capitalizing on US opportunities, the Trust has managed to maintain funds flow at levels consistent with the prior year. Future cash flows will be further enhanced with the deployment of the second barge drilling rig.

The acquisition of Axxis has added a fleet of recently built high quality assets, an experienced management team and an opportunity to further diversify the services of the Trust into a lucrative niche market. Unlike jack-up rigs that operate in the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the barge rigs acquired from Axxis are tailored to shallower waters which is more cost effective for the operators and less impacted by the poor weather conditions experienced in the Gulf of Mexico in recent years. The barge drilling market is an expanding niche with opportunities for growth both in the US and other international regions. The combination of Trinidad's technology construction expertise and the experienced management of Axxis will allow this division to grow and add value for investors.

We are focused on continuing to add to our distribution capabilities by accretively growing our business and focusing on being the market leader. All future capital investments will continue to be evaluated based on return on capital with a focus on low risk operating environments

Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust is a growth-oriented oil and natural gas services provider based in Calgary, Alberta. Focusing on deeper drilling, modern rig fleets, in-house design and technology-based advancement, Trinidad has positioned itself as a premium service provider. Trinidad's growth is driven by chasing and capturing new horizons – advancing technologies, offering new services, entering new markets and performing strategic acquisitions. With the completion of the current rig construction programs and the acquisition of Axxis, the Trust will have 109 drilling rigs ranging in depths from 1,000 – 6,500 metres and two barge drilling rigs. In addition to its drilling rigs, Trinidad has 20 service rigs that have been completely retrofitted or are new within the past five years and 20 pre-set and coring rigs. Trinidad is focused on providing modern, reliable, expertly designed equipment operated by well-trained and experienced personnel. Trinidad's drilling fleet is one of the most adaptable and competitive in the industry.



"signed" Michael E. Heier	"signed" Brent J. Conway
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (thousands - Unaudited)		
(inousumus - Onumuncu)	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,113	9,413
Accounts receivable	147,994	151,990
Inventory	15,054	7,45
Prepaid expenses	4,172	2,868
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	177,333	171,722
Deposit on capital assets	3,118	42,177
Capital assets	1,101,689	903,11
Goodwill	169,387	123,483
Other long-term assets	34,448	5,145
_	1,485,975	1,245,633
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	85,556	88,08
Accrued trust distributions	9,615	9,54
Current portion of deferred revenue	7,399	9,09
Current portion of long-term debt	1,547	3,23
Current portion of fair value of interest rate swap (note 7)	1,179	
Future income taxes	694	3,52
	105,990	113,47
Deferred revenue	5,379	7,07
Long-term debt, net of transaction costs (note 3, 7 and 8)	364,575	388,27
Convertible debentures, net of transaction costs (note 8)	314,203	
Fair value of interest rate swaps (note 7)	3,055	
Future income taxes	45,214	38,71
Unitholders' equity	838,416	547,54
Jnitholders' capital (note 4)	675,712	669,58
Exchangeable shares (note 5)	2,477	5,77
Convertible debentures (note 8)	28,223	
Contributed surplus (note 4)	13,349	11,72
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(59,172)	(750
Accumulated trust distributions (note 9)	(276,400)	(189,984
Accumulated earnings	263,370	201,74
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	647,559	698,09
	1,485,975	1,245,633

(See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements)

Commitments (note 10)



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED EARNINGS

(thousands except unit and per unit data - Unaudited)

(inousanus except unit ana per unit utila – Onauatiea)		Three months ended September 30,		d September 30,
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenue				
Oilfield services	160,980	149,924	482,128	416,041
Bareboat revenue (note 10)	1,021	145,524	1,021	,
Other	182	701	739	2,068
	162,183	150,625	483,888	418,109
Expenses				
Operating	87,033	83,747	266,334	223,564
General and administrative	14,949	11,607	41,927	37,835
Interest on long-term debt	7,174	6,388	25,284	13,740
Interest on convertible debentures (note 8)	8,302		8,302	· <u>-</u>
Unit based compensation	508	740	1,954	5,323
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	5,394	(45)	12,283	1,045
Depreciation and amortization	20,190	13,976	53,279	36,787
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	31	(2,032)	238	(2,002)
	143,581	114,381	409,601	316,292
Earnings before income taxes	18,602	36,244	74,287	101,817
Income taxes				
Current tax expense (recovery)	299	36	2,283	(389)
Future tax expense	3,260	4,635	10,377	9,837
	3,559	4,671	12,660	9,448
Net earnings	15,043	31,573	61,627	92,369
Charges for normal course issuer bid	-	(96)	-	(96)
Accumulated earnings – beginning of period	248,327	139,212	201,743	78,416
Accumulated carnings – end of period	263,370	170,689	263,370	170,689
Earnings per unit				
Basic	0.18	0.38	0.73	1.11
Diluted	0.18	0.37	0.65	1.09
Weighted average number of trust units				
Basic	83,989,145	83,705,299	83,917,739	82,851,643
Diluted	85,140,262	85,316,897	103,605,851	84,651,979

(See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements)



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(thousands - Unaudited)

(monsumus – Omnumen)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended Septemb	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net earnings	15,043	31,573	61,627	92,369
Other comprehensive income				
Change in fair value of derivatives designated as				
cash flow hedges, net of income tax	(264)	-	1,474	-
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(29,510)	319	(56,196)	(12,677)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(29,774)	319	(54,722)	(12,677)
Comprehensive income (loss)	(14,731)	31,892	6,905	79,692

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(thousands - Unaudited)

(inousunus – Onuuuneu)	September 30, 2007	September 30, 2006
Accumulated other comprehensive loss - beginning of period	(750)	-
Adjust opening balance due to adoption of new accounting policies	(3,700)	-
Other comprehensive loss during the period	(54,722)	(12,677)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss - end of period	(59,172)	(12,677)

(See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements)



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(thousands - Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Cash provided by (used in)					
Operating activities					
Net earnings for the period	15,043	31,573	61,627	92,369	
Items not affecting cash					
Depreciation and amortization	20,190	13,976	53,279	36,787	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	31	(2,032)	238	(2,002)	
Unit based compensation	508	740	1,954	5,323	
Future income taxes	3,260	4,635	10,377	9,837	
Effective interest on financing costs (note 7)	1,078	-	1,830	-	
Accretion on convertible debentures (note 8)	1,028	-	1,028	-	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	5,318	81	12,286	(90)	
Funds flow from operations before change in non-	46.456	40.072	142 (10	142 224	
cash working capital	46,456	48,973	142,619	142,224	
Net change in non-cash operating working capital	1,932	(46,607)	(20,169)	(22,330)	
-	48,388	2,366	122,450	119,894	
Investing activities					
(Increase) decrease in deposits on capital assets	278	5,122	37,242	(22,891)	
Acquisition of Mastco Derrick Service Ltd. (note 3)	•	13,523	-	(24,717)	
Acquisition of Axxis Drilling Inc. (note 3)	(124,370)	•	(124,370)	-	
Purchase of capital assets	(44,703)	(89,203)	(233,958)	(223,731)	
Proceeds from dispositions	532	5,592	1,021	6,598	
Change in non-cash working capital item – accounts					
payable and accrued liabilities	(20,773)	7,317	10,521	6,024	
_	(189,036)	(57,649)	(309,544)	(258,717)	
Financing activities					
(Decrease) increase in long-term debt - net	(146,745)	53,318	(34,450)	231,984	
Net proceeds from unit issues (note 4)	199	1,891	2,501	8,088	
Proceeds from debenture issuance (note 8)	325,000	-	325,000	-	
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(2,812)	-	(1,311)	-	
Purchased units (note 4)	-	(276)	-	(276)	
Trust unit distribution (note 9)	(28,843)	(28,640)	(86,416)	(76,846)	
Debt financing costs (note 7)	(13,593)	(111)	(14,193)	(5,204)	
Change in non-cash working capital item – accrued		22	72	2 920	
distributions	2	22	72	2,839	
-	133,208	26,204	191,203	160,585	
Cash flow from operating, investing and financing					
activities	(7,440)	(29,079)	4,109	21,762	
Effect of translation on foreign currency cash	449	(97)	(3,409)	(817)	
Increase (decrease) in cash for the period	(6,991)	(29,176)	700	20,945	
Cash - beginning of period	17,104	61,870	9,413	11,749	
Cash - end of period	10,113	32,694	10,113	32,694	
Interest paid	7,503	5,427	24,421	11,338	

(See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements)



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

These consolidated interim financial statements are prepared by management, in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and follow the same accounting policies and methods as the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006, except as noted below, and therefore do not contain all of the disclosures required for the annual financial statements. As a result, the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements contained in the annual report for the year ended December 31, 2006.

# Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Effective January 1, 2007, the Trust adopted the following new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA):

Section 1530, Comprehensive Income, introduces a new Statement of Comprehensive Income, which reflects changes in the fair value of financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges, to the extent that they are effective, and changes in the foreign currency translation of self-sustaining subsidiaries of the Trust. These cumulative changes are reflected in equity as part of accumulated other comprehensive income and the Trust's Consolidated Financial Statements now include a Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statement of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI").

Section 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement, establishes standards for recognizing and measuring financial instruments, including financial assets, financial liabilities and derivatives. All financial instruments are required to be measured at fair value upon initial recognition of the transaction and measurement in subsequent periods is dependant on whether the instrument is classified as "held-for-trading", "available-for-sale", or "held-to-maturity" based on the standard.

Financial instruments classified as "held-for-trading" are subsequently re-valued to fair market value with changes in the fair value being recognized into earnings; financial instruments classified as "available-for-sale" are subsequently re-valued to fair market value with changes in the fair value being recognized to other comprehensive income ("OCI") and financial instruments designated as "held-to-maturity" are valued at amortized cost using the effective interest method of amortization.

Section 3865, *Hedges*, establishes how hedge accounting may be applied. For cash flow hedges any change in the fair value of a financial instrument designated as a cash flow hedge is recognized into income in the same period as the hedged item. Any fair value change in the financial instrument is recognized on the balance sheet and changes in the fair value, to the extent that the hedge is effective, are recognized into OCI and any ineffectiveness is recognized into income in the period.

Section 1506, Accounting Changes, allows for voluntary changes in accounting policy only if they result in financial statements which provide reliable and more relevant information. Accounting policy changes are applied retrospectively unless it is impractical to determine the period or cumulative impact of the change. Corrections of prior period errors are applied retrospectively and changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively by including these changes in earnings. The Trust has adopted the requirements of this section and will apply these standards to any future changes in accounting policies and/or estimates.

### Financial Instruments and Hedge Accounting

Translation of self-sustaining foreign operations

As a result of adopting CICA Section 1530, a new Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income forms part of the Trust's consolidated financial statements. Gains and losses resulting from the translation of the assets and liabilities of the Trust's self-sustaining foreign operations into Canadian dollars are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as a separate component of OCI. Previously, the accumulated gains and losses arising from translation of \$0.8 million were deferred and included in the foreign currency translation adjustment as part of unitholders'



equity. In accordance with the transitional provisions, this prior year balance was reclassified into AOCI. In addition, the foreign currency translation adjustment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 of \$29.5 million and \$56.2 million, respectively, has been recognized into OCI.

# Cash flow hedge

The application of hedge accounting to the Trust's interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contract has resulted in the designation of cash flow hedges whereby gains and losses resulting from changes in the fair value of the hedge are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, to the extent that the hedge is effective. In accordance with transitional provisions, the cumulative prior period effect of \$5.6 million pertaining to the interest rate swaps has been recognized into OCI without restatement of prior period amounts, net of \$1.9 million to reflect the future income tax asset that would have arisen in the prior year in accordance with the new standards. The forward foreign exchange contract was entered into in the current year; hence, there is no impact on prior year figures.

#### Transaction costs

Upon initial adoption of the financial instrument standard, long-term debt is recognized at fair value net of transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the debt. Accordingly, at January 1, 2007, previously deferred costs of \$5.7 million that were separately presented as a component of other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and amortized into income using the straight-line method over the life of the debt were reclassified to long-term debt. The cost capitalized as a portion of long-term debt will be amortized using the effective interest method. The change in amortization methodology was immaterial for restatement and the reclassification of transaction costs resulted in a net decrease in other assets and long-term debt by \$4.9 million.

Similarly, costs related to the issuance of the Trust's convertible debentures are netted against the carrying value of the convertible debentures and amortized into earnings over the life of the convertible debentures using the effective interest rate method.

There are no other material impacts on the Consolidated Financial Statements for the adoption of these new standards.

# **Convertible Debentures**

The Trust's convertible debentures have been classified as debt with a portion of the proceeds representing the value of the conversion option bifurcated to equity. The debt balance accretes over time to the amount owing on maturity and such increases in the debt balance are reflected as non-cash interest expense in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Upon conversion, portions of debt and equity are transferred into Unitholders' Capital.

### Capital assets

The acquisition of substantially all the assets of Axxis (defined herein) in the third quarter diversified the Trusts' operations to include barge drilling rigs, with related inventory, crew boats and spare parts. Additional asset classes resulting from the acquisition include barge drilling rigs that have been assigned a useful life of 9,125 days (10% salvage value) to be depreciated on a unit-of-production basis and crew boats that have been assigned a useful life of 15 years on a straight-line basis. The Trust has applied existing policies to all other assets acquired.

### Future income taxes

On June 22, 2007, Bill C-52 was enacted for Canadian accounting purposes that effectively imposed a new income tax on distributions from income trusts for taxation years beginning in 2011, at a rate of 31.5%. The enactment of this legislation triggered the recognition of future income taxes based on temporary differences expected to reverse after the date that the taxation changes take effect. There was no impact of this legislation for the Trust at the end of the second quarter of 2007; however, an additional future income tax recovery of \$0.5 million was recognized in the third quarter of 2007 on financing costs incurred on the issuance of the convertible debentures.



### 2. SEASONALITY

The Trust operates the majority of its fleet in Western Canada and therefore operations are heavily dependent upon the seasons. The winter season, which incorporates the first quarter, is a busy period as oil and gas companies take advantage of frozen conditions to move drilling rigs into regions which might otherwise be inaccessible to heavy equipment due to swampy conditions. The second quarter normally encompasses a slow period referred to as spring break-up. During this period melting conditions result in temporary municipal road bans that effectively prohibit the movement of drilling rigs. The third and fourth quarters are usually representative of average activity levels.

The Trust's expansion to the US market has reduced its overall exposure to the seasonal factors that are present in its Canadian operations. These seasonal conditions typically limit Canadian drilling activity, whereas in the United States operators can work throughout the year. This increased number of operating days throughout the year will allow the Trust to better manage its business with more sustainable cash flows throughout the annual cycle.

### 3. ACQUISITIONS

# Amalgamation of Mastco Derrick Service Ltd.

Effective March 16, 2006, the Trust amalgamated one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries with Mastco Derrick Service Ltd. ("Mastco") for consideration of \$62.4 million, less outstanding debts adjusted for net working capital. Mastco's purchase price was subject to a working capital adjustment which has been finalized as of March 31, 2007. The acquisition was funded through internal funds flow of \$14.7 million and the issuance of 1,494,557 trust units with a value of \$24.7 million.

The consideration paid for this acquisition has been allocated under the purchase method as follows:

(thousands)	2006
Purchase price allocated as follows:	
Working capital, net	(22,943)
Other assets	329
Goodwill	42,837
Capital assets	17,148
Future income taxes	
	39,389
Financed as follows:	
Trust units	24,720
Cash, net of working capital adjustment	14,669
	39,389

Goodwill from this acquisition is not tax deductible.

### Acquisition of assets of Axxis

Effective July 5, 2007, a subsidiary of the Trust, purchased substantially all of the assets of US-based Drilling Productivity Realized, L.L.C., P.C. Axxis, L.L.C., DPR International, L.L.C. and DPR Rentals, L.L.C. (collectively, "Axxis") for consideration of \$148.1 million. Additionally, the Trust acquired a commitment to construct an additional barge rig for approximately \$27.5 million, of which \$5.6 million had been spent at the time of acquisition and was included in the purchase price. The acquisition was funded through the issuance of \$29.3 million of convertible debentures to the former shareholders of Axxis and \$124.4 million in cash proceeds raised through a public issuance of 325,000 convertible debentures for gross proceeds of \$325.0 million.



The consideration paid for this acquisition has been allocated under the purchase method as follows:

(thousands)	2007
Purchase price allocated as follows:	
Capital assets	96,490
Assets under construction	5,624
Intangible assets	39,569
Goodwill	51,593
Long-term liabilities	(39,569)
	153,707
Financed as follows:	
Convertible debentures	29,337
Cash	124,370
	153,707

Goodwill from this acquisition is tax deductible.

As a result of the acquisition of Axxis the Trust is obligated to pay US\$12.5 million annually to the former shareholders of Axxis for the next three years pertaining to provisions under the Bareboat Charter, discussed further in Note 10 – Commitments. The consideration will be paid annually and is contingent on the continued operation of three barge rigs currently under contract. To the extent that these contracts are terminated prior to the end of the three years no further payments will be required. The amount paid under this commitment is considered a cost of the purchase and has been included in the purchase price and will be accrued and recorded against the associated revenue earned from the rigs and reported net as Bareboat revenues in accordance with EIC-123, Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent.

# 4. UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS

# a) Unitholders' capital

# Authorized

Unlimited number of trust units, voting, participating

(thousands except unit data)	September	30, 2007	December 31, 2006	
	Number of Units	Amount \$	Number of Units	Amount \$
Unitholders' capital - opening balance	82,981,952	669,584	78,909,976	621,972
Trust units issued on acquisitions	-	-	1,494,557	24,720
Trust units issued on conversion of exchangeable shares	356,404	3,300	1,505,630	13,825
Trust units issued on exercise of options and rights	274,089	2,501	1,138,289	8,272
Trust units repurchased under normal course issuer bid	-	-	(66,500)	(537)
Contributed surplus transferred on exercised options and rights		327	-	1,332
Unitholders' capital – ending balance	83,612,445	675,712	82,981,952	669,584

Basic earnings per unit are calculated using the weighted average number of Trust units outstanding during the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2007 of 83,989,145 and 83,917,739, respectively, (three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 – 83,705,299 and 82,851,643). For purposes of calculating diluted earnings per unit, 1,151,117 and 1,328,664 units issuable pursuant to the Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan for the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2007, respectively (three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 - 1,611,598 and 1,800,336) were added to the weighted average calculation. Additionally, the diluted earnings per unit calculation for the three months ended September 30, 2007 does not include 18,359,448 of potentially issuable units pursuant to the conversion of the convertible debentures as the impact on net earnings was anti-dilutive; however, this impact has been reflected in diluted net earnings per unit for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.



# b) Contributed surplus

(thousands)	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006	
Contributed surplus – opening balance	11,722	5,949	
Unit based compensation expense	1,954	7,105	
Contributed surplus transferred on exercise of rights	(327)	(1,332)	
Contributed surplus – ending balance	13,349	11,722	

# 5. EXCHANGEABLE SHARES

A subsidiary of the Trust has issued the following exchangeable shares:

(thousands except unit data)	September	December 31, 2006		
	Number of Shares	Amount \$	Number of Shares	Amount \$
Exchangeable shares – opening balance	611,966	5,777	2,007,883	19,602
Exchangeable shares exchanged, Initial Series	-	-	(347,100)	(2,707)
Exchangeable shares exchanged, Series C	(311,367)	(3,300)	(1,048,817)	(11,118)
Exchangeable shares – ending balance	300,599	2,477	611,966	5,777

The exchange ratio for the 253,430 initial series exchangeable shares is 1.31831 at September 30, 2007 and the trust units issuable upon conversion are 334,099. The exchange ratio for the 47,169 Series C exchangeable shares is 1.20431 at September 30, 2007 and the trust units issuable upon conversion are 56,806.

# 6. UNIT OPTION AND RIGHTS PLAN

# **Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan**

On May 2, 2003, the Trust established the Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan to assist directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Trust and its affiliates to participate in the growth and development of the Trust. The following table sets out unit options that are outstanding under the Trust Unit Rights Incentive Plan:

	Septembe	r 30, 2007	December	31, 2006
	Number of Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)	Number of Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)
Outstanding - opening balance	8,246,839	12.43	5,746,326	9.64
Granted during the period	63,486	13.44	3,890,818	15.13
Exercised during the period	(274,089)	9.13	(1,118,437)	7.36
Forfeited during the period	(31,128)	13.81	(271,868)	13.09
Outstanding - ending balance	8,005,108	12.55	8,246,839	12.43

The Trust uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the estimated fair value of the unit rights issued subsequent to January 1, 2003. The per unit weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the period ended September 30, 2007 was \$1.49 (2006 - \$2.66).



### 7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Interest rate swap

The Trust entered into cash flow hedges using interest rate swap arrangements to hedge the floating rate interest on fifty percent of the outstanding balance of the US and Canadian term debt facilities. These contracts have been recorded at their fair value on the Trust's consolidated financial statements. The Trust recorded a loss of \$0.3 million and gain of \$1.5 million in OCI for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 due to the change in fair value of the cash flow hedge. The Trust has assessed 100% hedge effectiveness; hence the entire change in fair value has been recorded in OCI.

### Financing costs

The carrying value of long-term debt has been adjusted in accordance with CICA Section 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement, on financial instruments. Debt issuance costs which were previously classified as a component of other assets have been reclassified to long-term debt. The Trust recorded interest expense of \$0.4 million and \$1.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 under the effective interest method.

Additionally, the carrying value of the debt component of convertible debentures is reflected net of \$13.6 million in financing costs. The Trust recorded interest expense of \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 under the effective interest method.

### Foreign exchange forward contract

On June 29, 2007 the Trust entered into a forward contract to purchase US currency to fund the acquisition of the assets of Axxis – see note 3. The future commitment of US\$111.2 million exposed the Trust to foreign currency risk which was mitigated by a forward contract to purchase US currency at a rate of 1.0631 on the date of closing. The Trust designated this contract as a cash flow hedge and assessed it as 100% effective and as such no gain or loss was recorded on the contract and the acquisition was recorded at the forward contracted rate.

## 8. LONG-TERM DEBT

### **Revolving Credit Facility**

Effective June 18, 2007, Trinidad amended its current Canadian Revolving Credit Facility (the "First Amending Agreement") to provide a temporary increase of \$35.0 million, increasing the principal available from \$250.0 million to \$285.0 million. This increase was underwritten by GE Energy Financial Services, as agent for the Credit Facilities and is subject to similar terms and conditions as the original Revolving Credit Facility. This increase was made available to the Trust for six months subsequent to the execution of the First Amending Agreement and any repayments will be first applied to the \$35.0 million increase prior to any other reductions in the original Revolving Credit Facility.

This temporary increase was fully repaid and retired on July 5, 2007 with a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of the convertible unsecured subordinated debentures issued on this same date.

### Convertible Debentures

In connection with the acquisition of the assets of Axxis on July 5, 2007 the Trust issued \$354.3 million in convertible unsecured subordinated debentures, of which \$325.0 million was issued through a public offering and \$29.3 million was issued to former owners of Axxis. The debentures are convertible into units of the Trust at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity at a conversion price of \$19.30. They have a face value of \$1,000, coupon rate of 7.75%, mature July 31, 2012 with interest being paid semi-annually on June 30 and December 31. The Trust has the option to redeem the debentures in whole or in part at a redemption price of \$1,000 after December 31, 2010 and before their maturity date. On redemption or maturity, the Trust may elect to satisfy its obligation to repay the principal by issuing Trust units.

The value of the conversion feature was determined to be \$28.2 million and has been recorded as equity with the remaining \$326.1 million allocated to long-term debt, net of \$13.6 million of transaction costs. The debentures are being accreted such that the liability at maturity will equal the face value of \$354.3 million. As at September 30, 2007 there were no conversions of these debentures.



Interest on convertible debentures of \$8.3 million represents accrued coupon payments of \$6.6 million, \$1.0 million pertaining to the accretion of the convertible debenture and \$0.7 million pertaining to the effective interest on financing costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007.

### 9. ACCUMULATED CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

Pursuant to the Trust Indenture established on September 17, 2002, distributions are determined at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The intention of the Board of Directors is to provide stability to the monthly distributions based on anticipated cash flow; however, the actual amount of distributions paid by the Trust is subject to review by the Board of Directors, taking into account the prevailing financial and market circumstances of the Trust at the relevant time.

	Three months ended Se	ptember 30,	Nine months ended September 30,		
(thousands)	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Accumulated cash distributions – beginning of period	247,557	132,715	189,984	84,509	
Cash distributions	19,228	19,094	76,801	67,300	
Distributions declared and payable	9,615	9,546	9,615	9,546	
Accumulated cash distributions - end of period	276,400	161,355	276,400	161,355	

### 10. COMMITMENTS

## **Rig Construction Program**

Trinidad has continued to focus on the expansion of its existing drilling fleet through its commitment to construct 34 new diesel electric drilling rigs which will be deployed in both Canada and the US. This construction program has enabled the Trust to actively pursue growth opportunities in the market and provide accretive growth to its unitholders. All of the rigs are backed by take-or-pay contracts which provide for committed drilling days and drilling rates over the next three to five years. Furthermore, the costs of construction on seven of these rigs have been partially financed through customer contributions, to be returned in equal payments over the term of the take-or-pay contract commencing upon the delivery of each rig. As of September 30, 2007, 31 of these rigs were completed, with the remaining scheduled to be completed and deployed in the fourth quarter of 2007 and substantially all the costs pertaining to the rig build program have been expended.

In conjunction with the acquisition of the assets of Axxis the Trust has assumed the remaining construction commitments of a barge rig, of which \$5.6 million had been spent as at the date of the acquisition and was reimbursed to the former owners of Axxis. Total capital costs of construction are expected to be \$27.5 million of which \$7.8 million was spent as of September 30, 2007. The barge rig is expected to be deployed in the second quarter of 2008.

## **Bareboat Charters**

As a part of the Axxis acquisition the Trust entered into an Assignment Agreement in which the contracts to operate three barge rigs (the "Bareboat Charter" or "Charter") were transferred to the Trust. Under the Bareboat Charters, the Trust is committed to operate the rigs on behalf of a third party. In turn, as owners of the rigs, this third party is entitled to receive 25% of the Net Operating Revenues and 50% of the Net Margin earned under each Charter. Under the original agreement any earnings in excess of this payment were to be retained as compensation for the operation of the barge rigs however, as part of the purchase agreement the Trust committed to pay the former owners of Axxis US\$12.5 million per year for the next three consecutive years, of which one-third of the payment, or US\$4.2 million, shall be attributable to each of the three Bareboat Charters.

This payment is contingent on the continued operation of the rigs and to the extent that the contract is terminated by the owners of the rigs, no further payments will be required. This fixed payment was structured to represent the residual earnings in excess of the payment to the third party owners; hence the Trust is exposed to minimal risk and rewards of the arrangement. In the instance that day rates or expenses fluctuate from the original provisions in the Bareboat Charters, the Trust is exposed to the residual gain or loss; however, it was determined the impact would be minimal. The Trust has disclosed all transactions pertaining to the Bareboat Charters on a net basis in accordance with EIC 123, Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent, for purposes of financial statement disclosure as the Trust does not bear the significant risks and rewards of the arrangement nor does it absorb the associated credit risk or asset risk.



### 11. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Since Trinidad first announced its intent to expand operations in 2005 into the US marketplace operations have been diversified from its primary geographic focus in Western Canada to include various locations in the United States, such that a significant portion of the Trust's operations are now driven from the US market. The acquisitions of Cheyenne Drilling and Axxis as well as the Trust's rig construction program added additional rigs of varying depths and capabilities to the drilling fleet operating in the Canadian market complementing the Trust's drilling operations. Despite the similarities in the assets acquired, the increased management depth in the United States and the varying conditions between the Canadian and United States market have resulted in management evaluating the Trust's drilling operations performance on a geographically segmented basis. In addition, the acquisition of Mastco in 2006 further broadened the operations of the Trust to include the capability to design, manufacture, sell and refurbish drilling rigs and related equipment. The unique characteristics of this subsidiary from the Trust's core drilling operations have resulted in management's separate evaluation of its results. Transactions between the segments are recorded at cost and have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Three months ended September 30, 2007 (thousands)	Canadian Drilling Operations	United States Drilling Operations	Construction Operations	Inter-segment Eliminations	Total
Revenue	67,656	83,771	19,507	(8,751)	162,183
Operating expense	39,390	39,700	16,694	(8,751)	87,033
Gross margin	28,266	44,071	2,813	-	75,150
Interest	4,051	3,107	16	-	7,174
Interest on convertible debentures	8,302	•	-	-	8,302
Depreciation and amortization	8,074	11,946	170	-	20,190
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	35	(4)	<u>-</u>	-	31
Income before corporate items	7,804	29,022	2,627	•	39,453
General and administrative					14,949
Unit based compensation					508
Foreign exchange loss					5,394
Income taxes					3,559
Net earnings					15,043
Capital expenditures (including acquisitions and deposits)	11,324	186,745	63	-	198,132
Three months ended September 30, 2006 (thousands)	Canadian Drilling Operations	United States Drilling Operations	Construction Operations	Inter-segment Eliminations	Total
Revenue	87,875	45,473	31,040	(13,763)	150,625
Operating expense	48,524	20,265	28,721	(13,763)	83,747
Gross margin	39,351	25,208	2,319	-	66,878
Interest	3,324	3,054	10	-	6,388
Depreciation and amortization	7,995	5,836	145		13,976
Gain on sale of assets	(1,992)	(40)	-	•	(2,032)
Income before corporate items	30,024	16,358	2,164		48,546
General and administrative	50,02	10,220	2,		11,607
Unit based compensation					740
Foreign exchange gain					(45)
Income taxes					4,671
Net earnings	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				31,573
Capital expenditures (including acquisitions and deposits)	32,394	38,070	94		70,558

Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (thousands)	Canadian Drilling Operations	United States Drilling Operations	Construction Operations	Inter-segment Eliminations	Total
Revenue	233,991	220,005	76,700	(46,808)	483,888
Operating expense	137,461	105,254	70,427	(46,808)	266,334
Gross margin	96,530	114,751	6,273	-	217,554
Interest	15,559	9,683	42	-	25,284
Interest on convertible debentures	8,302	-	-	•	8,302
Depreciation and amortization	22,068	30,730	481	-	53,279
Loss on sale of assets	212	26			238
Income before corporate items	50,389	74,312	5,750	-	130,451
General and administrative					41,927
Unit based compensation					1,954
Foreign exchange loss					12,283
Income taxes					12,660
Net earnings					61,627
Capital expenditures (including acquisitions and deposits)	71,702	278,616	105		350,423
Nine months ended September 30, 2006	Canadian Drilling	United States Drilling	Construction	Inter-segment	
(thousands)	Operations	Operations	Operations	Eliminations	Total
Revenue	267,892	115,337	75,935	(41,055)	418,109
Operating expense	144,934	50,215	69,470	(41,055)	223,564
Gross margin	122,958	65,122	6,465	-	194,545
Interest	8,218	5,374	148	•	13,740
Depreciation and amortization	22,258	14,220	309	-	36,787
Gain on sale of assets	(1,944)	(58)		-	(2,002)
Income before corporate items	94,426	45,586	6,008	-	146,020
General and administrative					37,835
Unit based compensation					5,323
Foreign exchange loss					1,045
Income taxes		···			9,448
Net earnings					92,369
Capital expenditures (including acquisitions and deposits)	169,315	126,602	142		296,059
As at September 30, 2007 (thousands)	Canadian Drilling Operations	United States Drilling Operations	Construction Operations	Inter-segment Eliminations	Total
	-	•			
Total assets	727,942	752,532	5,501	•	1,485,975
Goodwill	38,154	84,616	46,617		169,387



As at December 31, 2006 (thousands)	Canadian Drilling Operations	United States Drilling Operations	Construction Operations	Inter-segment Eliminations	Total
Total assets	680,591	528,872	36,170	•	1,245,633
Goodwill	38,155	42,491	42,837		123,483

# 12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassification did not impact previously reported net income or retained earnings.

